



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

W. J. Keenan High School  
Richland 1  
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 738  
Principal: Alvin D. Pressley  
Superintendent: Dr. Percy A. Mack  
Board Chair: Jamie Devine

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2012	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Average	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	8	20	2	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Passed 2 subtests (%)	74.4%	71.6%	67.1%	71.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	16.7%	19.3%	18.5%	16.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.9%	9.1%	14.4%	12.8%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.7%	87.7%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	220	162
Number of Diplomas	163	123
Rate (%)	74.1%	72.6%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	62.1	66.4
English 1	63.3	58.1
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	55.8	65.4
US History and the Constitution	36.6	41.1
All Tests	54.1	57.7

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=738)</b>				
Retention rate	4.3%	Down from 6.8%	3.9%	2.9%
Attendance rate	91.7%	Down from 92.4%	94.7%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	20.9%	N/A	10.7%	17.5%
With disabilities	11.5%	N/A	13.8%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	8.1%	N/A	10.3%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 3.4%	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	22.0%	Up from 19.9%	5.6%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	12.0%	Up from 11.4%	22.7%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.1%	Up from 26.5%	30.0%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	3.4%	Up from 2.0%	2.4%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Teachers (n=49)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.4%	Down from 69.6%	60.4%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	71.4%	Down from 87.0%	71.4%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.8%	Down from 83.0%	82.1%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 93.6%	94.8%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,119	Down 0.8%	\$46,368	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.2%	Down from 4.9%	2.1%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	10.6 days	Up from 7.0 days	10.6 days	9.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.3 to 1	Down from 24.4 to 1	23.1 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	84.9%	No Change	87.9%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,907	Up 1.0%	\$9,335	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.0%	Up from 58.5%	55.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.0%	Up from 62.5%	58.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.7%	Down from 100.0%	97.7%	97.7%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	77.5	Down from 88.1	67.0	77.4

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	34	139	45
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.2%	71.2%	93.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	80%	85.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.3%	84%	87.2%

\*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

W. J. Keenan High School has experienced a productive and exciting school year! Our goals for the 2013-2014 school year will be to continue to increase student achievement. We will focus on continuing to make gains on all standardized tests such as HSAP, SAT, ACT, and EOCEP. Additionally, we will focus on improving the graduation rate, attendance rate, and retention rates at each grade level. Our theme will remain; "Together We Can, Together We Will!" With the commitment of the faculty, staff, students, parents, and community we will work toward constant improvement in all areas. We are working together supporting a vision that "Every Student Will Succeed!"

Keenan continues to pursue and establish community and post-secondary partnerships that will assist our students. Ten Keenan High School students with a taste for adventure and an interest in engineering have been invited to participate in Accelerate, a new virtual engineering program designed to help high school students jumpstart their engineering degrees and careers. Richland One is one of eight school districts in the state selected to partner with the prestigious South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics (SC GSSM), which is located in Hartsville. Students will remain at their home high schools while participating in virtual classes, Saturday team projects and summer internships.

W. J. Keenan is a High Schools That Work (HSTW) site. All teachers are trained in the utilization of "best practices" to increase the academic success of each student. Areas of focus include literacy, development of senior projects, data driven decisions, career and technical training. During 2010-2011 we implemented College Summit to improve post-secondary education opportunities and preparation of our seniors. Additionally, we are a PBIS (Positive Behavior and Intervention Strategy) school developing strategies to recognize students for their positive behavior and achievements. All teachers are assigned to PLT (Professional Learning Teams) to develop instructional strategies to better serve our students.

W. J. Keenan will be in the third year of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant. The grant will focus on the academic and overall development of our ninth grade students as they transition into high school. In addition, I. DeQuincy Newman United Methodist Church has maintained a strong partnership assisting with our ninth grade population of students.

Keenan has been recognized for the following: 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Palmetto Silver Award by the state of South Carolina for making substantial progress in closing the achievement gap; 2011-2012 Palmetto Gold Award for general performance; Army ROTC has maintained honor unit of distinction rating; W. J. Keenan's varsity girls basketball team are the class 2A state champions. We are proud of all of the accomplishments we have achieved and will continue to work hard every day to reach higher levels of success.

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Carlos Primus, School Improvement Chairperson

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